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FM AMCONSUL BOMBAY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3669

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJECT: SHIPPING: INSURANCE RATING PROBLEM OF US FLAG
VESSEL

REF: A) STATE 041842; B) BOMBAY 413

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BOMBAY APL REP N. J. MEHTA RE
"PRESIDENT ARTHUR" PROBLEM. THIS REGARD WE REPEATING OUR
TELEGRAM 413 TO DEPARTMENT. ON RECEIPT REF A WE MET AGAIN WITH
MEHTA WHO PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO.

2. GENERAL INSURANCE CORP OF INDIA HOLDS THAT "LINER VESSELS"
ARE THOSE CALLING AT INDIAN PORTS AT LEAST TWICE YEARLY.
FACT PRESIDENT ARTHUR ACTUALLY PAID SIMILAR CARGO PENALTY
PREMIUM FOR ONE PORT OF CALL (BOMBAY) IN 1971 COMPLICATES
COMPANY'S PRESENT CASE. APL SAN FRANCISCO UNSUCCESSFUL IN
OBTAINING REVISION GENERAL INSURANCE RULING THRU LLOYDS'.
MATTER ALSO DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY COMMERCIAL SECTION LAST
NOVEMBER, AND ALSO WITH MR. P. M. COTTON, APL'S MANAGING
DIRECTOR, SINGAPORE, WHO VISITED BOMBAY, MARCH 1-3.

3. MEHTA STATED PRESIDENT ARTHUR DUE BOMBAY FROM KARACHI
MARCH 11 TO BE HERE ABOUT THREE DAYS. HE FORESEES NO
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RPT NO ALTERNATIVE BUT FOR APL TO PAY LOW KEY CARGO PREMIUM PENALTY AND REFUND DIFFERENCE TO SHIPPERS. HAS PERSONAL FRIENDS IN GENERAL INSURANCE WHO PROMISED FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING APL ASSURANCES PRESIDENT ARTHUR WILL CALL REGULARLY INDIAN PORTS. GENERAL INSURANCE' S NEW THREE-YEAR TENURE TARIFF COMMITTEE, PRINCIPAL DECISION MAKER SUCH MATTERS, EXPECTED TO BE FORMED LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. ANY ATTEMPT FOR AD HOC DECISION BY GOI COMPTROLLER OF INSURANCE, BASED IN SIMLA, FUTILE THIS STAGE.

4. MEHTA OPTIMISTIC RE OUTCOME AND PROMISED KEEP CONGEN INFORMED. HE FELT NO RPT NO CONGEN ASSISTANCE NECESSARY THIS STAGE. DEPARTMENT WILL BE INFORMED.
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